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A Note From Pastor Andrew

As always, I wonder what to write about? This is my second to last e-news; there is undeniably that pressure to find just the right words as the reality sets in of us parting ways. As I talk with several of you in these last few days and weeks, I want to encourage you to hear words all of us need to hear. Have hope. What I keep hearing, maybe not verbally, but in between the lines, "is there hope?" Yes, there is hope. Actually quite a bit, but it will take work from everyone. Now is the time to come together and work together to ask where we see CTK going from here. As I said in the congregational meeting this past Sunday, "you've elected the council to work for the church, but they need every one of you to help work on moving forward." I say to you, "Have hope. Know God will provide because God always does. Know that God's Church, CTK will continue. What that looks like, who knows, but you can help in the steps taken moving forward. You may not have a called pastor, but you have support from so many places and people. Be one of those people. Church is not about the pastor, or the youth, or the success of programs it is about Jesus. Contrary to what we may believe or have been told, people do not come to a church, stay, and commit because of how friendly the people are, how welcoming they are, or the programs they have. Granted these help a lot, but what sustains the connection is if God is encountered here in church. Have you met with Christ as you walk through the door? Is Christ in this place? It truly is God's work, our hands. Maybe you agree, maybe not, but I ask you this as June 19 comes and goes, where is Jesus in/for CTK? Do you wholeheartedly believe Christ is king? If so, there is nothing to fear.

Pastor Andrew

Announcements

River of Hope

River of Hope worship is every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. The last River of Hope, for a while, will be next Thursday, June 16. We will do Holden Evening Prayer next week!!!

Sunday School

Out for the summer, see you in the fall!!

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, June 12, 2015 at 11:15 a.m. (or immediately following worship). We meet the third Sunday of every month (this month we will meet the second Sunday). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

Our next breakfast is this Sunday, August 7 at 8:45 a.m.! (No breakfast in July) This is a free meal provided by CTK Fellowship team. Everyone is welcome.

CTK Council

Terri Forthoffer-President, Scott DeWitt-Vice President, Jean Pezzell-Treasurer, Sue Halamka*-Financial Secretary, Sue Halamka*-Recording Secretary, Gail Carlson, Cindy

Goerke, Steve Halamka, Sue Gregory-Herfert, Gary Herfert, Robin Mitchell, Dan Smith, Pastor Andrew (*Not on Church Council)

Water Bottle Collection for Flint

Car magnets are now available to order. The cost is \$12 each. Please see Scott to order. CTK will now be collection water bottles for the people of Flint. Please bring purchased water bottles to CTK. We will take the water bottles to Salem Lutheran church for distribution. Any questions see Scott DeWitt.

We currently have 10 drop-off locations around the area:

1. Metamora Shell & Tubby's - 3839 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
2. Pine Knob Mobile - 3492 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
3. Sunoco -1489 Lapeer Rd. Lapeer. Just north of the Hospital
4. Westside Market -2990 w. Genesee St. Lapeer
5. The Country Market - 2236 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer
6. Hadley Corner Store - 3500 S Hadley Rd. Hadley
7. H B's Country Market - 550 S Elba Rd. Lapeer
8. Country Side Stop In - 3892 Bronson Lake Rd. Lapeer
9. Sawdust Corners Marathon - 3528 N Lapeer Rd. Lapeer
10. Christ The King Lutheran Church-911 Baldwin Rd. Lapeer

Project for June

Each month CTK will be collecting a specific item for an organization in Lapeer. For the month of June we will be collecting diapers in size 4, 5 and 6 for the Lapeer Pregnancy Center. Please bring items to CTK. Thank you!

Baby Bottles

It is that time again, grab a baby bottle on your way out of church and fill it with your loose change. All money goes to the Lapeer Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

Prayer Time

Every Wednesday from 11:30 –12:30 Pastor Andrew opens the sanctuary for a time of prayer. All are welcome to stop by anytime in-between and take as long as needed to find a place to re-center with God. The current format uses meditative music and a closing communal prayer. However, the time is flexible and open to nurture the needs of God's people (format can change). If possible stop by and take time for God in the middle of your week. You won't be sorry.

Loons Game

Mark your calendars for August 14- we will go to the Loons game in Midland. Cost is \$9 per person, kids 12 and under get free hotdog, chips and drink, we will carpool from CTK. Game starts at 2 pm. Please sign up on bulletin board ASAP so we know how many tickets to reserve.

Hymns and Hops

Sunday, June 12 at 6:30 pm, join us at Tilted Axis Brewing Company for our first Hymns and Hops. We will sing songs together; have a beverage of your choice and a meal if you like!

Father's Day/Baptism/Confirmation/P.A.'s Last Day Brunch

Sunday, June 19 immediately following worship (11:15am) we will have a brunch/potluck to celebrate our two confirmands, Emily Murray and Alex Curtis as well as Alex's Baptism. This will also be Pastor Andrew's last day with us. The 19th is also Father's Day!!!

IT'S A BIG DAY!!! We know this day for you may already be packed with plans, but even a few minutes of your time means so much. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome!!! BRING THE WORLD!!!

CTK Spirit-wear Fundraiser

We are ordering CTK Spirit-wear again. T-shirts, polos, hoodies, sweatshirts! This is a fundraiser for CTK. See the flier on the bulletin board for pricing and colors. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

CTK Annual Picnic and Pig Roast

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 17 at 12:00 noon we will have our annual pig roast and picnic. More details coming

Fellowship Opportunity

This Saturday, June 11 from 1:00pm-4:00 pm-The Opening Pep Rally for the Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer. Court Street between Nepessing and Park. Free hotdogs, peanuts, popcorn, Cracker Jacks, apple pie and lemonade. Everyone is welcome!!

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

Marketing & Publicity/ Outreach Team

Marketing & Publicity Team and Outreach Team will meet together; our next meeting is July 10 immediately following worship. We meet the second Sunday of every month. (note day and time change)

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on June 12 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Worship Team

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 14 at 5:15 p.m. We meet the second Tuesday of every month. (Note day and time change)

CTK Small Groups

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet at Linda Hash's house on June 20 at 1:00 pm.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

We will meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is Monday, July 11. (second Monday in July because of Holiday)

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! Anyone is welcome, if you have never been before, come and see what is happening!! Our next meeting is June 14; please bring a dish to share! Emily has requested Breakfast for dinner night and wear your PJ's!! This is Katie and Emily's last Women's group with us, come and join us for a fun evening!

Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 9

6:30 pm River of Hope

Sunday, June 12

9:30 am Fellowship Team meeting

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am Church Council

6:30 pm Hymns and Hops*

Tuesday, June 14

5:15 pm Worship Team meeting

6:00 pm Women's group

Wednesday, June 15

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

Thursday, June 16

6:30 pm River of Hope (last River of Hope, for a while)

Sunday, June 19

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Brunch